

HOUSE No. 2107

By Mr. Wagner of Chicopee, petition of Joseph F. Wagner and others for legislation to authorize the Transportation Authority to investigate an extension of commuter rail service to Nashua, New Hampshire. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Joseph F. Wagner
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Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO ENABLE EXTENSION OF
COMMUTER RAIL PASSENGER SERVICES TO NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to
2 the contrary, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority may
3 enter into agreements with the State of New Hampshire Depart-
4 ment of Transportation to extend or expand commuter rail service
5 on the New Hampshire mail line, so called, in which said depart-
6 ment agrees to provide all capital and operating costs for said
7 service. Said agreement may provide for the rehabilitation of the
8 railroad north of Lowell, the provision of a layover facility in
9 Nashua, and the provision of operating rights over those sections
10 of the right of way not currently owned by the authority. The
11 Commonwealth and the authority shall not incur any costs associ-
12 ated with any provisions enabling extension or expansion of com-
13 muter rail service on said line pursuant to said agreements. Within
14 60 days of the execution of said agreement, the authority and the
15 department shall submit a written copy to the joint committee on
16 transportation for its review.

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